

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

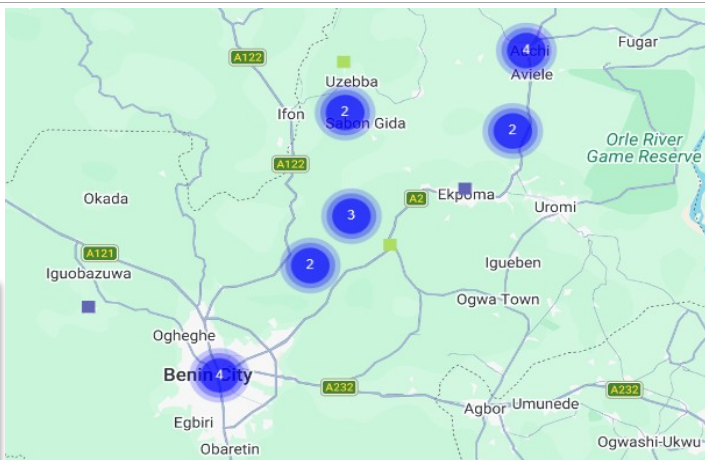
Countering Illicit Drug Production, Trafficking, and Harmful Drug Use in Edo State

August 16-22, 2026

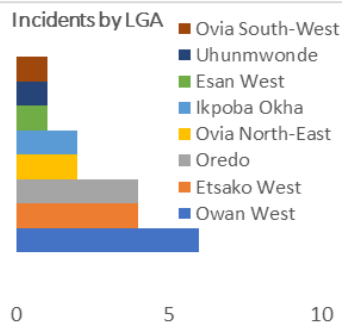
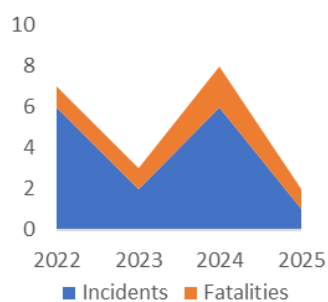
This update highlights the growing threat of illicit drug production, trafficking, and harmful drug use in Edo State. Recent incidents reveal extensive cannabis cultivation, trafficking of cannabis and methamphetamine, and drug-related activities across identified hotspots, underscoring risks to public safety and community wellbeing.



Trends and Hotspots of Illicit Drug Production and Trafficking in Edo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents of illicit drug production, trafficking and harmful use in Edo State from January 2022 - June 2026. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Continued illicit drug production and trafficking could increase availability and harmful drug use. If unaddressed, these trends may fuel crime, increase youth vulnerability, contribute to mental health challenges, and undermine public safety and community wellbeing.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Law enforcement agencies are intensifying raids, arrests, drug seizures, and destruction of illicit drug supply points. However, sustained enforcement, community intelligence, and prevention remain critical to disrupting drug networks and reducing harmful use.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Illicit Drug Production & Trafficking

August 17, 2026

NDLEA reportedly destroyed two cannabis farms and recovered processed cannabis during an operation in Ugboke, Orhionmwon LGA.

August 14, 2026

NDLEA allegedly arrested a suspected trafficker and recovered cannabis and methamphetamine in Oluku, Ovia North East LGA.

August 13, 2026

NDLEA reportedly intercepted and arrested nine suspected traffickers and recovered various illicit drugs in Abuja Quarters, Oredo LGA.

August 05, 2026

NDLEA and Nigerian Army personnel reportedly recovered 65 bags of skunk cannabis during a raid in Ewe Luleha, Owan West LGA.

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Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system: Text report to **0912 233 4455**.

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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